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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ADMIRAL THOMAS MOORER TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ADMIRAL THOMAS MOORER, CURRENTLY TOURING SOUTH AFRICA AS A GUEST OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA FREEDOM FOUNDATION, IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT THE U.S. WOULD PROBABLY BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN AN ANGOLA-TYPE CRISIS IF IT WERE TO ARISE HAPPEN TODAY.

THE ADMIRAL CHARACTERIZED AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AS DEEPLY CONVERNED ABOUT SOVIET EXPANSION IN AFRICA AND THAT THE PENCHANT FOR DISINVOLVEMENT FOLLOWING THE VIETNAM WAR WAS RAPIDLY WANING.

2. ADMIRAL MOORER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SOVIET EXPANSION IN AFRICA WAS AIMED AT SECURING BASES ALONG THE COAST TO GIVE THE RUSSION NVAY MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. HE ADDED, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE SOVIETS ALSO ARE FOCUSING ON SOUTH AFRICA BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPE SEA ROUTE AND THE COUNTRY'S RAW MATERIALS.

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